GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON WORLD HERITAGE SITES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the world heritage sites including Mount Everest are likely to be adversely affected due to the impact of climate change;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to protect the Mount Everest and other heritage sites from such impact in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b): There have been media reports, mostly in the international media, regarding impacts of climate change on world heritage sites. Some references to Mount Everest have been made following a meeting of Unites Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisations' (UNESCO's) World Heritage Committee in July 2005. Mount Everest is not located in India but is situated on the border of Nepal and China.

(c): The World Heritage Centre and the International Union of Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) have not recommended inclusion of Mount Everest as a heritage site in danger.